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SUBJECT: SCANDINAVIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DELEGATION TO PORTUGAL

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1. NO DANES ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC OCTOBER 26-27 VISIT TO PORTUGAL LED BY SWEDISH PRIME MIISTER OLOF PALME AND NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY FRYDENLUND. THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS INVITED BUT HAS DECIDED INSTEAD TO ACCEPT AN INVITATION FROM PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES TO ATTEND THE CONGRESS OF HIS PARTY IN DECEMBER.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT, WHILE THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THESE MISSIONS IS TO LEND SUPPORT TO THE PORTUGUESE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, THE SCANDINAVIANS WILL ALSO BE ASSESSING SOARES' PARTY FOR ITS PRACTICAL POLITICAL VIABILITY AND ITS IDEOLOGICAL CORRESPONDENCE TO THEIR OWN PARTIES.

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3. A TOP-LEVEL DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRAT INFORMED EMBOFF
LAST WEEK THAT A PORTUGUESE EDITOR (NAME UNKNOWN - IDENTIFIED
ONLY AS EDITOR OF THE PORTUGUESE MAGAZINE EXPRESSO HAD
VISITED THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES RECENTLY SEEKING SUPPORT
FOR HIS FORTY THOUSAND MEMBER "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC" FACTION.
(IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THIS GROUP WAS A FACTION PRESENTLY
WITHIN SOARES' PARTY OR A RIVAL GROUP CLAIMING THE SOCIAL
DEMOCRATIC LABEL.) ACCORDING TO THE DANISH SOURCE HE HAD
MADE AN EFFECTIVE IMPRESSION THROUGHOUT SCANDINAVIA. HIS
CHARGE, CONSEQUENTLY, THAT SOARES HAD MOVED TOO FAR LEFT
TO BE CONSIDERED A SOCIAL DEMOCRAT IN THE SCANDINAVIAN
SENSE IS VERY LIKELY A MATTER THAT PALME AND FRYDENLUND
WILL WANT TO OBSERVE.

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